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It's Walker For Congress

Marion R. Walker, Ventura County rancher who recently accepted the invitation of the Eleventh Congressional District Democratic Committee to oppose incumbent Congressman Bramblett in the 1950 election, has the unanimous backing of the AFL Labor Unions of the four-county area.

Following the session at San Luis Obispo when Walker received the Democratic Committee's support, it was announced the Tri-County Labor League for Political Education, covering Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Ventura counties, plus the Labor League of Monterey County, agreed wholeheartedly to support the Ventura farmer.

Walker, who was the unanimous choice of 64 delegates from the four counties at the San Luis Obispo meeting Nov. 27, immediately issued a challenge to Congressman Bramblett to meet him in debate "anywhere, any time on the issues of this campaign."

IS AGAINST T-H

The well known Ventura farmer appeared previously before the Labor League for Political Education and voiced a positive stand on the various issues. He strongly opposes Taft-Hartley; is for broadened social security and pensions, other measures to give "a fair deal for all."

Expressing gratitude for the faith shown in him so far, Walker said last week:

"If elected I will try to give this District the representation that it needs and has lacked. That is, to represent all the people instead of a few narrow interests."

He expressed thanks and gratitude to the Labor Unions for their interest in the campaign and for their support.

KNOWS LABOR NEEDS

"I am well aware of the needs that labor in this district faces," the Ventura man declared, "and would do all within my power to establish proper representation within this Eleventh Congressional District so that the needs of all will be answered and met instead of ignored or sidestepped."

Walker was already busy this week, going through the district to confer with county Democratic chairmen. He suggested those in the various districts wishing to contact him might do so through Fred Farr at Monterey, District chairman; Mayor Tim O'Reilly of San Luis Obispo, John McKay at Santa Barbara, LLPE secretary, or Stewart Meigs, Carpinteria, Santa Barbara county chairman.

Walker, who promised a fighting campaign on Fair Deal principles, was nominated by A. Edwin Fisher, Ventura County Democratic chairman, who declared him the man to carry the district and beat Bramblett.

TWO WITHDRAW

The selection of Walker was unanimous, following the withdrawal of Mayor Timothy O'Reilly of San Luis Obispo and of John D. Wafsh, Carmel realtor, both of whom pledged wholehearted support of Walker's candidacy. In answering the nomination of his party leaders, Walker declared:

"We will replace the negative attitude of the present incumbent with a positive program. I am confident that the program announced by President Truman, and the liberal platform adopted by the Democratic party, are just what the people of the 11th District want, and with the help of the Democratic voters of these four counties we will help to see that this program is carried out."

"We are living in eventful times. Events do not wait. They demand decisive action. The Truman administration is making decisive, constructive progress. This district needs representation in Congress to support this positive program. That is what I intend to do if the people elect me."

CHALLENGE BRAMBLETT

"I will carry the fight into every rural community and city in the four counties and will welcome the opportunity at any time and place to meet Mr. Bramblett and publicly challenge his negative record in Congress for the past three years."

"I am completely confident of a Democratic victory in 1950."

Walker, 34 years old and a native son of Ventura County, raises lemons, walnuts and lima beans and avocados on his family ranch on the outskirts of Ventura City. The grandson of a former congressman from California, the late Rep. Marion Cannon, he is married and the father of four boys, ranging in age from 9 years to 6 months. He is a past president of the Ventura Chamber of Commerce and the



MARION R. WALKER

Lions Club, secretary of the Saticoy Lemon Association and member of several agricultural and horticultural organizations, and active worker in the Methodist Church, past chairman of the 11th Congressional District Democratic Committee and of the Ventura County Central Committees, and first president of the Ventura County Democratic Club.

Fred S. Farr, chairman of the 11th District committee, presided at the meeting in the recreation center at San Luis Obispo.

Glazier Wage Boost Effective December 15

Wage increase of 8 cents per hour for the Glaziers Division of Salinas Painters Union 1104 will become effective on Thursday, December 15, Union Secretary Carl Lara reports. Agreement was reached last week on the effective date.

In addition to the wage gain, the glaziers won provision for time-and-one-half premium pay for Saturday work, Lara said.

Employment opportunities for others of Painters Union 1104 were reported by Lara as follows: Painters employed by Stone & Webster Corp. have been working overtime on week-end painting the underside of buildings in which huge cranes are operated during regular work days.

Halterman Painting Service and W. L. Winters Painting Service, both of Salinas, have called for local men for painting of new homes in the Laurel Park subdivision north of Salinas.

Lara reported some unemployment still in the ranks of Local 1104 and warned that transient painters cannot find work in the area.

Local 1104 is pressing an organizing drive at present and hopes to have reports on progress in a short time, Lara added.

Culinary Starts Annual Election

First nominations for the annual election of officers were accepted by Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas last week with key incumbents without opposition for re-election at this time. Further nominations may be made at next Monday night's meeting of the union, Secretary Bertha A. Boles said.

Election will be at the union headquarters on Tuesday, December 20, Mrs. Boles said.

CARPENTERS HAVE SOME UNEMPLOYMENT

There still are members of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 without work, Business Agent Harvey Baldwin announced last week, in a warning for carpenters not to come to the Salinas area looking for work.

Work has been better than usual in the Salinas district for recent months but the influx of unemployed carpenters has been greater also, Baldwin explained. Local men are placed to work first.

Disability Pay By State Fund Is Heavy Here

Disabled workers in this area received heavy payments from the State Disability Fund during the first three years of operation of the California disability insurance system, according to R. W. McQuiston, manager of the San Jose district disability insurance office of the State Department of Employment.

Payments in the three counties under the disability plan have been as follows since December 1, 1946:

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| Santa Clara County..... | \$1,670,627 |
| Santa Cruz County..... | 361,969 |
| Monterey County | 751,772 |

Disability insurance is payable to persons who suffer non-occupational illness or injury and who are covered by the California Unemployment Insurance Act. Annual payments by the district office totaled \$741,942 in 1947, \$967,883 in 1948, and \$1,074,554 in 1949, McQuiston said.

During the three-year period, 19,471 claims representing 127,373 weeks of disability were filed and paid through the district office.

Local disability insurance payments, McQuiston said, are expected to increase materially after January 1 when additional benefits become payable to claimants confined in hospitals. The amended law provides for payment of an additional benefit of \$8 a day, not to exceed 12 days in a benefit year, when a claimant is hospitalized. Each claim for the additional benefit must be supported by a physician's certificate. Any waiting period which otherwise would be required will end with the first day of hospitalization.

Another more liberal feature of the disability insurance law which becomes effective January 1 provides that if a claimant suffers a relapse within 14 days of returning to work, no additional waiting period is required.

Under the new law, when a person is eligible for both disability insurance and unemployment insurance in the same benefit year, he may claim payment up to his maximum award under each program. A claimant formerly was limited to one and a half times his maximum award under a combination of disability insurance and unemployment insurance in the same benefit year.

The amended legislation also provides that out-of-state physicians may certify to disabilities and that optometrists may certify to disabilities within the scope of their practice.

Additional changes in the law stipulate that in the event of dispute as to whether benefits should be paid from the State Fund or by a Voluntary Plan, the claimant shall be paid where the claim first is filed and the issue resolved later, and that in instances of denial of voluntary plan benefits, the claimant must exhaust administrative remedies before going to court.

All amendments to the law apply equally to the State Fund, Voluntary Plans, and Self-insured Plans, McQuiston said.

Solons Probe Di Giorgio Strike

(State Fed. Release)

An offer by the National Farm Labor Union, AFL, to submit its membership lists for check against employment records of the Di Giorgio Fruit Corporation to determine whether or not it represented the majority of employees on the huge ranch when the strike started, was flatly rejected last week by the Corporation.

The union offer was made at the close of a two-day session held in Bakersfield by a House Labor and Education sub-committee headed by Representative C. M. Bailey of West Virginia.

Congressman Bailey stated he had made an effort to secure a settlement of the strike of Di Giorgio employees which has been under way since October, 1947.

Bailey declared that the management refused his offer to arbitrate and that the only remedy was legislation to bring workers on large farms under the labor relations and minimum wage laws. He indicated the committee would sponsor such legislation during the second session of the 81st Congress.

Representing the union at the Bakersfield hearings were H. L. Mitchell, national president; Hank Hasiwar, western representative; Ernest Galarza, research director, and C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor.

AFL Spokesmen In London



New York—AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany and AFL President William Green at the rail of the Ile de France which carried them to England for the London conference to establish a new "International Federation of Free Trade Unions." They headed the most impressive and historic AFL delegation ever to be sent abroad.

LABOR, AGC ASK T-H EXEMPTION

Frank A. Lawrence, president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, this week announced that work is being rushed to complete the proceedings of the highly successful 34th Convention which was held in Santa Barbara from Nov. 14 to 18. This notable organizing convention infused the State Council with a new spurt of life and the prospects for the future look exceedingly bright for the building trades craftsmen.

In discussing conditions in the building trades, President Lawrence emphasized the importance of the recent request by employer associations, including the Associated General Contractors of America, and the AFL Building and Construction Trades Dept., for a blanket exemption from Taft-Hartley labor law election requirements. The management appeal was filed by a group of contractors' organizations which represent employers who do about 80 per cent of the construction work in this country.

The decision to ask for this exemption followed a meeting of contractors and union leaders with the National Labor Relations Board several months ago.

Lawrence reported that, in support of their position, the appealing groups are pointing out that the NLRB itself has given up the idea of holding such elections. A "pilot" election held in the Pittsburgh area cost the Government considerable money and trouble and resulted in a 90 per cent vote for the unions. Attempts to hold other elections in Detroit and Philadelphia were abandoned as a result of this.

Lawrence stressed the point that it is not only impossible to comply with T-H requirements in this industry, but that the strict application of this law would wreck longstanding collective bargaining practices and hamper building activity. The State Building and Construction Trades Council is doing everything possible to support and encourage this request for exemption.

ELECTRICIAN ALSO ACTIVE AS MUSICIAN

Bob Roberts, member of Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas for some time, is making a name for himself as a union musician in the county, with his own orchestra playing two public dances weekly plus half-a-dozen radio shows.

Roberts heads a new seven-piece western-style music group known as "The Ranch Hands" and playing from 6:45 to 7 p.m. each evening over Station KDON.

Saturday nights the band plays in the "Big Barn," on Williams Road in Salinas with a broadcast from 10 to 10:30 over KDON. On Wednesday nights, the band moves to the Del Monte Gardens for a public dance. The musicians all are members of Local 616, A.F.M.

Although trying to reach the big time in the musical world, Roberts is continuing to work as an electrician for a local firm, according to Karl Ozols, business manager of IBEW Local 243.

RICE MAY RUN FOR ASSEMBLY SEAT IN 1950

Democratic leaders in the 33rd Assembly District were said last week to be considering "drafting" George L. Rice, Monterey union official, as a candidate for the State Assembly.

A meeting of a special candidates committee of official Democratic Party groups of San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties will be held at King City at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, to consider prospective Assembly candidates, it was announced.

Rice, questioned in regard to possible candidacy, said he has been approached by leaders in the Democratic and labor fields and asked to make the race. He was unsuccessful in his candidacy in 1948.

Campaign problems such as finances and active workers must be ironed out before an announcement can be made, Rice added.

PLUMBERS SEEK TRAVEL TIME TO SOLEDAD JOB

The problem of whether or not plumbers working on the new state prison project at Soledad under Contractor Kenneth Fraser of Southern California should be paid "travel time" from Salinas is still far from settlement, according to John E. Turnbow, new business manager of Plumbers Union 503.

No results came from a meeting of the Joint Conference Board of the craft last week when four master plumbers failed to show up for the meeting, Turnbow added. Another meeting was scheduled for this week.

The construction project is being manned by union plumbers during the dispute and no work stoppage is being considered, Turnbow added.

Contractor representatives insist that travel time from Salinas is not proper, inasmuch as the firm has opened a sub-office at Soledad. The plumbers counter with insistence that travel time should be paid from Salinas.

'TOY BOX' PLAN FOR CULINARY THIS CHRISTMAS

Dropping a suggestion for a Christmas party for members and office workers this year, Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas decided at its last meeting to provide a "Toy Box" and adequate toys for donation to charities of the Salinas area during the holidays.

Union Secretary Bertha A. Boles said that all members will be requested to bring a new toy, value not to exceed \$1.00, for the large box which will be placed in the union headquarters until Christmas time.

Toys thus collected will be taken to youngsters at the Rescue Mission and at the Monterey County Hospital on Christmas Day, Mrs. Boles added.

With the toy collection plan voted by the union, there will be no Christmas Party or other observance by the union in its headquarters this year, Mrs. Boles added.

Clark Makes Own Yule Cards

Attractive Christmas cards for his personal use and others for use by Bartenders Union 545 of Salinas have been made up by Alfred J. Clark, union secretary, through some special photography.

Clark, a photography enthusiast, first prepares the "copy" for the card, using Christmas scenes and printing the message, then photographs it all. The pictures made up from negatives thus provided make unusual cards. The union's greeting cards are signed by Clark and by President Virgil C. Knight.

Trenching Job Starts at K.C.

Laborers of Local 272 of Salinas were called last week by the Valley Trenching Co. of Fresno for the state of an extensive trench job for Pacific Gas & Electric Co. lines.

Union Business Agent J. B. McGinley said that a blade was leveling the right of way for the trench diggers.

Work otherwise for union laborers is continuing good for this season, but Local 272 has more men than jobs just now, McGinley said.

"Early '50 Looks Good"

(AFL Release)

Washington—The AFL Labor's Monthly Survey estimated that AFL unions won gains for 5,000,000 workers in the first 10 months of 1949. It took a quick look at the future and concluded that "business and employment should be well sustained through the first 6 months of 1950."

"This is a time when union executives must see that wages are raised without raising prices if they want real gains," the publication said. Here is a thumbnail sketch of its outlook for the next 6 months:

"Consumer Prices—In general probably will not decline further in the next 6 months except that food prices will fall seasonally between now and next March, and there may be some further price declines in clothing before next spring. Rents and services, including utilities, are rising slowly. Coffee prices will stay rather high because of drought in South America."

EMPLOYMENT

"Employment—Will probably increase in December. Consumer buying in December and early 1950 will be sustained by payments of Christmas savings funds amounting to \$900,000,000; the new 75 cents minimum wage; veterans' insurance payments of \$2,800,000,000. But with the nation's labor force increased by 750,000 new job-seekers, it is doubtful whether employment will rise enough to give them jobs."

The survey said that the important point about current prices is not the amount of the price decline but the fact that the rise has been stopped and business health improved without a serious recession.

PRICES

"Prices are now stabilizing with no very significant rises or declines in immediate prospect (except a possible steel price rise), the survey said. "Stable prices create a favorable climate for industrial advance and improvement in living standards. The end of the price rise is due to return of competition and ending of war shortages. But danger of inflation is by no means past. The large government deficits in prospect will be inflationary. This is a time when union executives must see that wages are raised without raising prices if they want real gains."

Unemployment is still above a year ago, the AFL publication said, "and may continue above the level of winter 1948-49 for some time."

The survey said that union agreements preventing wage cuts, raising wages, small living costs declines, and unemployment compensation prevented the 1949 recession from becoming more serious.

"The record of the American Federation of Labor this year has been outstanding," it said. "With a minimum of industrial strife we have quietly negotiated important wage increases and other benefits for many millions of workers."

WAGE CHANGES

"Recently our research staff reviewed four monthly reports on wage developments from the U. S. Labor Department giving a partial record for the months of May to September, a period when wage increases were particularly difficult to win because of adverse business conditions."

The record covers 1,251 AFL negotiations affecting some 2,000,000 workers. In 91 per cent of these negotiations, unions won wage increases or other gains for their members; in 9 per cent agreement were either extended without change or a wage reopening was postponed.

"We estimate that from January through October this year we have won gains for some 5,000,000 workers. This outstanding record of progress for workers, with a minimum of work stoppages, is due to our policy of genuine collective bargaining with employers, negotiating on the basis of pertinent facts in each situation rather than political power and pressure. The wage gains of the large group of workers have made an important contribution to industrial recovery, adding hundreds of millions of dollars to workers' income at a time when maintenance of buying power was vital."

JOB CONFERENCE IN SACRAMENTO

(Calif. State Federation of Labor Release)

American Federation of Labor officials throughout California invaded Sacramento for the Governor's Conference on Employment slated for December 5 and 6 in the capital city. Governor Warren called the conference to consider means of relieving the critical unemployment situation now prevailing in California.

Latest Department of Employment figures reveal that the unemployed total for October, 1949, is 315,000, the lowest for any month in the year, but nearly 50 per cent higher than the estimate for October, 1948.

Conference chairman is E. T. Grether, dean of the School of Business Administration at the University of California.

The program committee chairman is Karl Holton, director of the California Youth Authority.

Panel discussion groups considered the following subjects: (1) Youth; (2) Older Workers; (3) Minority Groups; (4) Physically Handicapped; (5) Agriculture, Fishing, and Food Processing; (6) Manufacturing; (7) Construction; (8) Transportation, Communications, Utilities and Mineral Extraction; (9) Trade, Finance, and Service; (10) Community Assistance to Private Industry in Creating and Maintaining Jobs and in Matching Jobs and Workers; (11) Veterans; (12) Women; (13) Industrial Climate; (14) Public Works; (15) Trade Development programs; (16) Regional and National Programs for Creation and Maintenance of Jobs.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, served as chairman of the Construction panel.

Hayes told members of the State Board of Agriculture there is currently an estimated surplus of nearly 10,000 cotton pickers alone, despite the fact that the San Joaquin Valley cotton crop is only 60 per cent harvested.

National Farm Labor Union leaders had vigorously challenged the policy of importing Mexican labor this summer on the grounds that, even at that time, there was a surplus of farm workers in California.

Nevertheless, the Mexican labor plan proceeded through the cooperation of federal and state employment agencies.



BOSTON MAYOR IN WASHINGTON.—President Truman greets Boston's Mayor-elect John B. Hynes at the White House. Hynes, who defeated aging boss James M. Curley, made the visit with Sec. of Labor Maurice J. Tobin (right), a former mayor of Boston.

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MUDDYING THE WATERS

We live in an age in which those who have misused their political influence to secure legislation, that enables them to take unfair advantage of labor and the masses of the American people, are continually resorting to devious ways to divert attention from wrongs that affect and injure our lives.

Their favorite method is to stir up a lot of smoke about something else than the practices and special privileges they have secured for themselves through special legislation. The purpose of all this commotion is to work up enough excitement about matters that are of little or no consequence to the great majority of us in order that we may lose sight of and forget grievances that really concern us. Hardly a day passes but what a large percentage of our newspapers are blazing forth scareheads about pending wars, foreign politics, and imaginary plots of radicals, which as a rule never take place.

Why all this noise and mudslinging? Is it not to divert the attention of as many people as possible from the dangers of recently enacted bad labor laws and other evil legislation. There is the Taft-Hartley law and other anti-labor legislation, for instance.

The smart thing for all laboring people to do is not to get side-tracked by all this noise and newspaper propaganda. Get busier than ever to help give our present Congress the most thorough housecleaning it has ever experienced. That is the sensible course for labor to take.

What concerns labor most of all today is to get ready to vote in 1950 so it will count. Do not get lost in the muddy waters stirred up by grafters, who are trying desperately to divert attention from the fruits of their own misdeeds.

GET DOWN TO EARTH

With all the wage increases that have been granted to unions since the end of the war nearly everybody is complaining that they are worse off than they were before the war for the simple reason that the higher wages of today will not buy as much as lower wages bought ten years ago.

This means that living conditions have not been improved for the average working man, even after getting his share of wage increases since the recent world war ended. On the other hand he is much better off than the unfortunate being, who has not received any wage increases during this period. There are many such in the world today.

Recognizing what conditions are is one thing. Of itself this gets nowhere. What is needed is for those who shape affairs and fix prices to realize and recognize that unless we all get down to earth and proceed accordingly we are all in grave danger of ending up on the rocks.

This practice of granting wage increases and then immediately proceeding to boost prices far more than the wage increases amount to cannot have anything else than a bad ending. Instead of solving anything such passing of the buck is continually making matters worse. The sooner both sides sit down together to create a more stable foundation for adjusting differences more equitably than is being done today the better it will be for everybody.

PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR

We are moving rapidly towards the last days of 1949. It is that time of the year when the approaching holidays usually have the effect of slowing up union activities and in many cases suspending regular meetings of unions during the closing days of the year.

Such a time is a most favorable setup for individuals to sit down to do some serious thinking and planning for the year that lies ahead. It would be very much in order to supplement such individual thinking by dropping over to a friend or neighbor to talk things over in regard to what lies ahead in 1950.

In many ways the coming year may prove to be one of the most important periods of the entire union movement. Either the labor movement of the United States will assert its political power with telling effect in the various primary and regular elections to be held in 1950, or labor's opponents will again regain the upper hand, as was done in 1946.

Unless a Congress is elected in 1950, which will repeal the Taft-Hartley law our entire labor union movement will be in danger of being outlawed entirely. If one union and its officials can be fined over a million dollars, as was done in the case of the United Mine Workers, then every union can be fined out of existence no matter how much money may be in the treasury. Whether this danger is to become more acute or not will be determined by next year's election. Plan for doing your best to turn the tide.

When labor is united on election day the workers can be a large factor in getting desired results.

Bits Of Humor

This week's brain twister:
A big city fish merchant once offered a 20 per cent reduction on a fish that weighed ten pounds plus half its weight, if the buyer could tell him how much the fish actually weighed. What did it weigh? (Answer below.)

"Secretary Blank returned from the convention this week and will take up his duties in the Council Office."

"The bride's only garment was a pearl necklace, the gift of the groom."

From a medical journal:
"Mothers should start weaning their babies at the age of six months."

Our weekly Willie. (Maybe we'll run out of them before they give you the willies.)

"Into the family drinking well Willie pushed his sister, Nell. She's there yet, because it kilt her. But now we have to use a filter."

Paris merchants and hotel proprietors this year decided to greet Americans in English. Some results were very curious.

One modiste on the Rue de Rennes displayed a notice in her shop window reading: "For Sale: Dresses for Night Life and Street Walking."

There is a typewritten sign in the lobby of a hotel in the Latin Quarter which reads: "Guests are invited to make noise after 10 p.m. as little as possible."

Senator McCarran, who spiked the revision of the Displaced Persons Act, is on a junket to Europe at public expense.

Just another case of public aid to a Displaced Person.

Threatened with a libel suit by a man he vilified once too often, Westbrook Pegler was forced to eat his words, but survived.

Just shows what constant training and a daily mud bath will do for a guy.

In the window of a pawnbroker: "See us at your earliest inconvenience."

Sign outside a mortuary: "Drive carefully. We Can Wait."

Signs of The Times: A termite control specialist whose office is near a medical clinic sports this sign: "All of My Patients Die."

From the classified ad section: "WANTED—Position as cook. Wife available in other capacity."

"Mrs. Taylor arrived home from Mayo Bros., where a successful operation was performed for the removal of her garter."

Idleness is the nurse of naughtiness, the chief author of all mischief, one of the seven deadly sins. —Burton.

I don't know anyone who's fast enough to keep up with his good intentions.

When you flatter a man, you're just telling him what he already thinks about himself.

It's easy to call a spade a spade —until you stumble over one in the dark.

Answer to this week's twister: 20 pounds.

The richest single deposit of early prehistoric mammal bones ever found in America, in New Mexico, contains more than 40 kinds of 60,000,000 year old animals, some previously unknown to science.



QUEEN OF QUEENS—Bobbie Collette, 17-year-old high school beauty, was named Queen of Queens over a field of 53 contestants. She'll reign at the annual Raisin Bowl football classic at Fresno, Dec. 31.



NO WONDER.—"We simply said that workers are human, too."

BABIES STARVING AMONG MILLIONAIRES

Los Angeles.—An obscure county coroner respectfully asked the Kings County board of supervisors in Central California for a small appropriation. He wanted to hire a doctor to perform autopsies on four dead babies, all children of migratory cotton pickers. He got his money, and the doctor's examination showed all four deaths had a single cause—starvation.

Subsequently, newsmen covering other nearby counties discovered starvation had taken the lives of seven more babies, five in Fresno County, one in Kern County and an additional one in Kings. They also learned that:

Ten or 11 more babies of cotton pickers have died in one Fresno County hospital this season alone "and the underlying reason in all of these deaths was that the babies were underfed," according to Dr. Walter A. Rohlfing Jr., director of the hospital.

FILTH & POVERTY

Another hospital director, Dr. Paul Murphy of Kings County General, said: "Such deaths happen year after year up and down the valley, because of the filth and poverty these people live in."

He cited their "cabins with dirt floors and no sanitation" which cause innumerable babies to contract strength-sapping bowel infections. A coroner's jury that investigated the death of a Mexican-American picker's baby described how the infant was "markedly dehydrated" with "eyes sunken, abdomen distended with gas," and "bowels distended with gas, dilated and filled with a watery content."

The homes these babies came from are located on vast cotton ranches in the San Joaquin Valley, one of the most fabulously fertile in the country. But the workers live in tents, autos, trucks or 1-room shacks whose doors sag on broken hinges, whose windows often are faced with cardboard or dirty muslin, and which often fail to include toilet or bathing facilities.

QUICK, BLAME PARENTS

William Swearingen, national field organizer for the National Farm Labor Union (AFL), said one inspection group in Fresno County found only five of 59 company-owned camps "good." Inspections, he said, are made in October, November and December, but complaints, he added, called for re-inspections, investigations and reports by which time the season ends and nothing is done.

Rev. Frank F. Hays of the Home Missions Council of California came up with a solution typical of those offered by many public officials, eager to shift blame for the baby deaths away from the huge combines that own the ranches and on to the babies' parents. Hays demanded that congressional funds be appropriated for educational

Sailor Pensions

San Francisco—Subject to ratification by the union, an agreement has been reached between the Sailors Union of the Pacific (AFL) and the Pacific Maritime Assn., covering all sailors operating out of west coast ports except on coastwise vessels.

Though no wage raise was included, the agreement provides a non-contributory pension and welfare fund of 25¢ a day per man, starting Jan. 1, 1950, and not to be drawn upon until Jan. 1, 1953. It will be administered by a board representing the SUP, the PMA and the public, and may be used either for a pension system or to establish a home for old sailors.

Originally the SUP had asked for a \$10 to \$25 monthly raise and had also held out for a one to two-year contract, while the employers wanted a 3-year pact. Expiration date of the new agreement will not be made public until after ratification, but it is believed to be Sept. 30, 1951. The SUP had called a strike for Nov. 22, which was postponed for further negotiations.

Ill Treatment For Old Folks

Sacramento—Much confusion at the State Capital concerning effects of Proposition 2 was reported by a staff member of the Citizens Committee for Old Age Pensions.

Among the uncertainties promulgated by Proposition 2 and its provisions, certain state officials are now fearful of the local reaction when pension costs are returned to each of the 58 counties; which means that the home owner and the small businessman will have to shoulder the burden of increased taxes.

Reactivation of the responsible relatives clause means that increased county welfare personnel will be required to process this highly unprofitable phase of pension law administration. Experience in this field shows that it is almost as costly to enforce this section as there are funds collected.

DOMESTIC TROUBLES

Past records also reveal that numerous domestic controversies result because the small take-home pay of the responsible son or daughter does not permit lopping off portions to be paid to the parent and still leave enough for the young family to maintain even the smallest semblance of comfort.

There is also a difference of opinion as to the effective date of Proposition 2. Some capital officials are of the opinion that March 1 is the day and others believe February 1 will be the day. All of this uncertainty is adding to the discomfort of pension recipients, especially those in the 63 and 64 age groups. They are, according to provisions of Proposition 2, to be cast out without any consideration whatsoever.

Those who are able to endure the mental anguish long enough may be found later, if they are lucky, cluttering up the offices of County Welfare officials seeking county aid; that is, direct relief, on budgets that barely permit existence.

All age groups benefiting by the Citizens' Committee sponsored Article XXV will probably have to dispose of their few personal possessions, which they were permitted to keep under the McLain Pension Law.

ILL TREATMENT

Harassment and ill treatment have ever been the forte of most county welfare departments and there is no reason to believe that there will be any change under the new law, it was noted by a social worker of many years experience.

"It has always been the policy of the so-called professional social workers, as I have known them, to delay as long as possible approving any aid to an applicant."

Calif. Big Biz Had \$1,500,000 For Prop. No. 2

Big business spent \$1,500,000 cold, hard cash—with millions of dollars worth of free newspaper propaganda and headlines—\$15,000 of public money spent by a corrupt campaign ten days before the Special Election—the flagrant use of school children in precinct work for the distribution of campaign literature—and the State government machinery including the Governor—all used to blitzkrieg an unsuspecting public into voting Yes on Proposition 2.

Despite this unprecedented onslaught of power, the repealers could only win with a majority of some 300,000 votes.

Arranged against this powerful force was a lone organization called the Citizens' Committee for Old Age Pensions, whose average membership age is that of 70 years. Their campaign cost \$230,845.56 and shows a deficit of \$59,323.43. All donations received by the old folks were in an amount of less than \$25.00.

The proof of how well organized is the Citizens' Committee for Old Age Pensions, under the leadership of George H. McLain, a fourth generation native of California, was shown at the polls last November when he was able to roll up a "Net" vote of over 1,300,000 votes. Complete report on business contributions in this fight showed hundreds of the state's business firms were tapped for contributions of from \$20 to \$40,000 to build up the expensive advertising fund.

Clear Lake Minnows

Golden Shiners, small, prolific minnows, will be introduced into the waters of Clear Lake this winter to replace dwindling supplies of forage fish, says the Division of Fish and Game.

The Lake's larger game fish are preying heavily on their own young in the absence of quantities of forage fish, relates District Biologist Garth I. Murphy. A sufficient serving of shiners on the game fish menu may bring better fishing, he believes.

Lake County sportsmen's clubs have pledged cooperation in the project. They will build a shiner rearing pond in shallow waters at the north end of the lake.

MAIN PURPOSES OF AFL'S POLITICAL ARM ARE TOLD

The letters L.L.P.E. are an abbreviation for Labor's League for Political Education. It is the official title for the political branch of the American Federation of Labor.

The LLPE came into being by a common need for protection of the worker against legislation which is aimed directly against the best interests of labor. The Taft-Hartley Act with all its ramifications, stands out in bold relief, as a prime instrument to stifle the progress of the working man.

There is only one way in which the little fellow can combat these attacks, or can even hope to achieve the smallest degree of success in repeal action. There is only one way we can prevent any future anti-labor bills being enacted into law and that is by unified, intelligent action by the workers through an organization set up solely for that purpose.

POLITICAL ARM

So the AFL has set the wheels in motion. The LLPE came into being. It is the political arm of the AFL and all its affiliations. Congress has failed to recognize the need for compatible legislation that will afford the worker protection against encroachment by the forces who have come to gain by suppressing labor. Evidence of this steady progress by legislation to encumber the worker is manifested in the infamous Taft-Hartley Act.

The Act is manifold in repressive passages. Its paramount aim is to restrain, to retard the progressive march of the worker.

Congress has evidenced not too much concern over other vital legislation favorable to the worker, such as Housing, Social Security, Health and Welfare, etc., which definitely points out the crying need for political education of the working forces.

MONOPOLY

Big business has long shunted millions into the political scramble. They are not satisfied with acquiring possession of just the industry they would like to engross all, and captivate and control our private lives. To successfully combat this threat to our freedom, we carry the fight to State Legislatures and on to Senate and House floors in Washington.

REGISTERING AND VOTING

It is of vital concern to all working people that they exercise their right to vote. One of the prime principles of the LLPE is to keep the affiliated members informed as to records, attitudes and opinions of candidates for office. Your officers have in the past attempted to give you this very important guidance. It is conclusive that to insure our future freedom of speech—freedom to work and freedom to progress materially, we must coordinate our thinking in the political field.

FINANCIAL

We must be ready financially to carry on this program in 1950. The Taft-Hartley Act makes it unlawful for any labor union to make expenditures from its treasury in connection with any primary or general election involving candidates for Federal office. At this point it becomes evident that restraint of the workers' rights is the keynote of the Act. If we all, to the last member, wished to spend a sum of money from the union treasury for this purpose it would be illegal. We can only act as individuals, and the Act states that all moneys must come from individual contributions.

LEAGUE ACTION

On July 19-20 of this year in Washington the League adopted a resolution pertaining to the raising of funds to finance the political work of the future. The resolution in brief is as follows:

RESOLUTION

"That all affiliated unions in the American Federation of Labor undertake to obtain an individual voluntary contribution of (\$2.00) from each member. Local Union 892 through its officers endorses this resolution, and the machinery has been set in motion to start the drive.

All moneys received shall be written on an official receipt, the original to be issued to the contributor together with a lapel pin, with

the LLPE in white inscribed against a blue background. There is a big political fight coming up in 1950. It is your fight and mine. We are asked to donate to various organizations throughout the year and we do. This time we are talking about our bread and butter.

Brothers and Sisters think this over carefully. The full impact of the Taft-Hartley law has not been brought home to you yet. It is no stranger to your officers who are face to face with its many ramifications daily. We must put everything we have into the fight to get this Act repealed, and prevent a recurrence.

All contributions shall be forwarded with the duplicate receipt to the National Labor League for Political Education, Washington, D. C. One half of each contribution shall be returned from the National League to the State League in the state which the contributing member resides.

It is to be clearly understood that this is strictly on a voluntary basis. Your business manager has volunteered to devote his own time as an American citizen to conduct this drive. The importance of supporting the LLPE cannot be taken too lightly by any one of us. We have good wages, hours, and conditions now. If we are to keep them in the future, we must face this challenge now. As an individual American citizen you have the right to work, to maintain the best standard of living for your families, by voting to carry your equal share of the responsibility of writing laws into the book, which will insure a fair deal.

Register—Vote—Back up the LLPE. For further information contact the office. You may send in your contribution by mail, or when paying dues at the office or at the regular meeting. In all cases you will receive an official receipt together with a lapel pin. These voluntarily contributed funds are vital to our future welfare. Act now. "Insure the future."

Peaceful Picket Upheld

(State Fed. Release)

A comprehensive legal decision which denies the right of any court to issue an injunction prohibiting peaceful picketing was issued in a Los Angeles Superior Court last week by Judge Andrew R. Schottky of Mariposa County who had been recently called to the southern county jurisdiction.

The court dispute involved the right of American Federation of Labor unionists to picket the Roosevelt Building in Los Angeles despite an injunction issued by the Superior Court.

Through a misunderstanding of the terms of the injunction, certain pickets had violated the original court order.

The question of the right to picket and the question as to whether these pickets, who had technically disobeyed the injunction, should be jailed, then came before the court of Judge Schottky.

At the behest of the California State Federation of Labor, attorney Clarence E. Todd presented the constitutional argument for the defendants.

Last week's ruling not only denied the right of injunction directed against peaceful picketing, but also maintained that the pickets who had violated the order were not in contempt of court.

Previous decisions issued by the State Supreme Court had upheld the right of peaceful picketing in cases championed by the State Federation.

Despite this legal precedence, however, numerous judges have continued to issue bans on peaceful picketing. The Judge Schottky ruling therefore has a particular significance for jurists of the Superior Court jurisdiction.

AFL Delegation Bound for London



New York.—Four members of AFL executive council pictured aboard the Ile de France just before sailing for London conference to help establish new anti-communist world labor federation. Left to right, Vice-President David Dubinsky, president of International Ladies' Garment Workers; Secretary-Treasurer George Meany; President William Green, and Vice-President George M. Harrison, president Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks.

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LABOR COUNCIL NOTES

Monterey County Central Labor Union, Salinas, California
GAROLD F. MILLER, Secretary

Several vacancies created by the "non-participation" of Teamsters Union 890 in council affairs were filled by the Monterey County Central Labor Union at the meeting of November 25, all filled by unanimous council action.

Named to the Negotiating Committee were Carl Lara, council president, and Garold F. Miller, secretary.

Named to the Organizing Committee were Secretary Miller and Harvey Baldwin, of Carpenters' Union 925.

Named to the vacancy on the Press Committee was Bro. Mueller.

Appointed as delegate to the World Affairs Committee was John F. Mattos, of Laborers 272, with Bro. Linerman, alternate.

There are many names on the Labor Council roll call of persons who are no longer eligible to serve as delegates, due to various reasons. Local unions are being notified by the council secretary to bring their list of delegates up to correct and full strength.

Importance of support of Plumbers' Union 593 in the union's battle to gain travel time pay for men to the State prison job at Soledad was discussed at length by the Labor Council.

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ATTENTION, ALL MEMBERS: May we again call your attention to the next regular general meeting to be held at the Washington School, Iverson and Lang Streets, on Tuesday, December 13 at 8 p.m. This being the last quarter of the year, you should attend this meeting if you have not yet attended a meeting this quarter. Remember that you will be subject to a fine of \$2.50 if you do not attend at least one meeting quarterly.

We would like all members to attend the next regular meeting as we have an International Representative install your officers for the next term. REMEMBER, the next regular meeting will be held at the Washington School on Tuesday, December 13 at 8 p.m. It is important that you attend this meeting.

ATTENTION, MEMBERS IN THE MONTEREY AREA: Your Union has moved to a new location. We have now established our office and meeting hall at 778 Hawthorne Street, New Monterey, in the new Carpenters' Union building. Your Union feels this is a step forward and we ask that you attend your next regular meeting there. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8 at 8 p.m. at 778 Hawthorne Street, New Monterey.

CONTRACTS: Meeting dates are being arranged for negotiations with Eckhart Seed Company and Mitchell-Silliman.

Tire Shops and Service Stations agreements are opened, and meetings are being scheduled for negotiations.

Pacific Oil Burner in Monterey: This contract is also opened. We are about to close negotiations for Mission Linen, American Laundry and Salinas Laundry.

We have recently completed negotiations for Poultry Producers and Sears, Roebuck warehouse. Rapid Harvest Company contract is still in negotiations and the U. S. Conciliation Service has been requested to assist.

Bakery Division: When you read this, contracts will have been signed for the year 1950. The only change is bringing the guarantee to \$80.00 per week.

In the last two issues of this paper we have advertised the retail furniture group and our taxi cab group. This week we wish to bring your attention that the beverage industry is a very important function of this Union. The following companies employ members of this Union and merit your patronage: Acme Beer, Salinas Soda, Valley Distributing Co., Seven-Up Bottling Co., Salinas Beer Dist., John Langdon, Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Nesbitt Bottling Co., Shasta Beverage Co., Nehi Bottling Co., Dr. Pepper Bottling Co., Monterey County Liquor, In Monterey and Chualar, the G. W. Watkins Co., Monterey Beverage, Lucky Lager, West Coast Distributing Co., Tri-Union Dist. Co., Pete Barsotti, United Bottling, Weiland's Beer Dist., and Belfast Bottling Co.

Our members driving for the above firms ask that you patronize the beverage industry as much as possible since the winter months works a hardship on our members in this industry. Watch this column for other divisional reports.

WE DO PATRONIZE LIST: We ask that you patronize the following firms who employ members of this Union: Black & White Cabs, 5565; Packard Cabs, 8001; Yellow Cabs, 7337; Checker Cabs, 4866. In Monterey, Monterey Taxi, Checker Cab Co. and Rusty's Taxi and Limousine Co.

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AFL Seeks Defeat of Two Pa. Congressmen

Reading, Pa.—The Conference of Eastern Pennsylvania Central Labor Unions marked Congressmen Franklin H. Lichenwaller and Ivor D. Fenton for defeat in the 1950 elections.

The Easton CLU said it will "concentrate on the 1950 elections in an effort to replace Lichenwaller, who has voted wrong on every issue in the 81st Congress." The Pottsville CLU declared it will try "to defeat Fenton, whose record in the 81st Congress is anti-labor."

The Easton CLU said it will back the "re-election of Rep. Francis E. Walter, a Fair Deal stalwart."

Union for collection of dues. Your Business Agents should be handling grievances and organizing new members so that this Union may be strengthened; so we ask you to please forward your dues to the Salinas or Monterey office if you are not able to come to the office personally, so that we can confine ourselves to taking care of grievances and organization rather than spend a great deal of time collecting dues outside the office. REMEMBER also that your dues are due and payable on or before the first of the month. A member who is not in good standing is not entitled to any benefits out of this Union. Remember too that any member three months in arrears is automatically suspended.

If you are not employed, register at the Union office—we have job assignments from time to time and we certainly want to fill them with members of this Union who are qualified.

NEWS BITS: Leonard Blanton, a member of this Union, is now operating a service station on 101 Highway North and San Juan Road at the "Y." If you are traveling north some day, stop in and buy your gasoline there.

We are sorry to report that Sylvia Freel, an employee at Spiegel Foods, is ill. We would suggest that members she worked with or who know her, pay her a visit. We certainly hope she will be well for the coming holidays.

Gabe Settrini is still selling the best shoes. If you are in need of shoes, call Gabe and he will be happy to show you what he has to offer. His telephone number is Salinas 2-2132.

FLASH-FLASH

Would you like to have a Turkey for Christmas? Turkey orders will be given at the next regular meetings, both in Monterey and Salinas. If you attend the meeting, you may be awarded one.

Next regular meeting in Salinas: Washington School, Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m.

Next regular meeting in Monterey: Carpenters' Hall, 778 Hawthorne, New Montgomery, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m.

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MORE VETS GETTING HOME FINANCING

Veterans today are experiencing less difficulty in obtaining low-interest mortgage financing for homes purchased with loans guaranteed under the GI Bill than at any time in the past two years.

Frank W. Kelsey, Veterans Administration assistant administrator for finance, this week said that nearly 40,000 applications for GI home loan guaranties were received from lenders in the month of October. This represents the highest number received in any month since November, 1947.

Applications have been rising steadily since April, 1949, when the long downward trend was reversed, Kelsey said.

A combination of factors was cited as probably responsible for the upturn. T. B. King, director of V.A.'s loan guaranty service, said that an important influence was the large amount of mortgage money supplied through the Federal National Mortgage Association, a government corporation authorized to buy GI loans from private lenders.

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BUTCHERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Culinary Hall, at 8 p.m. Pres., Eddie Capon, 709 Barclay Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 8810; Exec. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Earl A. McNeel, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone CYpress 3-0253; Rec. Sec., R. H. Robinson, 65 Via E. L. Courtwright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, CYpress 5-3843.

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CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (Monterey Peninsula)—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Pres., E. E. Winters, 381 Central Ave., phone 9335; Sec.-Treas., Wayne Howard, 823 Lincoln Ave., phone Monterey 7622.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at Monterey, phone 8810; 8:30 p.m. Pres., D. B. Crow, 243 Pacific St., phone 3336; Fin. Sec., Andy Lazer; Bus. Agt., Leroy Hasty, phone 492.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday in Salinas. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch, 6045; Bus. Agt., R. A. Fitch, 6045. Bldg., San Jose, phone Columbia 8885-M. Main office, 3074 - 16th St., San Francisco, phone Underhill 1-1135.

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LABORERS 690—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., Perry Luce, 1251 David Ave., phone 6549; Sec.-Treas. and Bus. Agt., S. M. Thomas, P. O. Box 182, Monterey, phone 6745; 315 Alvarado, phone 6744.

LATHERS 122—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy L. Benge, Hilltop St., Monterey, phone Monterey 4820; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seffert, 1508 First St., Salinas, phone Salinas 1-1135.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 182—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m. Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley, Pacific Grove, phone 6554; Sec., Doris Lauder, 404 Park Ave., Monterey, phone 6745.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets 1st Sunday of each quarter, 2 p.m., at Bartenders Hall, Don Smith, 1122 Garner St., Salinas, phone 6624; Pres., Dick Miller, 781 Prescott, phone 6292; Bus. Agt., Art Hamill, 1034 Hillman, phone 2-0420. (Mail address, Local 1922, Post Office, Monterey, Calif.)

NEWSPAPER WRITERS AND REPORTERS 2276—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 211 Webster St., Oakland. Pres., Chas. L. Waite, 5823 Occidental St., Oakland, phone 8213; Sec., Dick Miller, 781 Prescott, phone 6292; Bus. Agt., Art Hamill, 1034 Hillman, phone 2-0420. (Mail address, Local 1922, Post Office, Monterey, Calif.)

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GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSE MEN & HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Thursday, Bartenders Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Albert Harris, 24 Paloma, phone Salinas 353; Sec., Peter A. Andrade, 274 E. Alisal St., Salinas; Bus. Agt., Glenn Wilkerson, Office, 315 Alvarado, Monterey, phone 2-0124.

Publishers' Profits Protected by Govt.

New note on "statism". The Curtis Publishing Co., which puts out the Saturday Evening Post, Ladies Home Journal and Holiday, has been granted a \$56,300 Government subsidy.

And a \$12,500 subsidy has been approved for the Reader's Digest. The Federal money will be used to guarantee their profits will be protected on sales of their magazines in Europe. In other words, the publishers want the Government to take the risk out of their overseas ventures.

Let's see now, the magazines are the Saturday Evening Post and the Reader's Digest. Wasn't it just the other day that they printed editorials denouncing subsidies and "statism" and "socialism"? (—LLPE)

SALINAS

BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Labor Temple at 3:30 p.m. Bus. Agt. and Main Office, Cecil Bradford, 896 Bellamy Ave., Santa Clara; phone AXminster 5-3625; 5-3625. Office, San Jose Labor Temple, phone CYpress 3-7537.

BAKERS 87—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., H. Lee Elder, 265 Main St., phone 3417; Sec., N. H. Freeman, 36 W. Alisal St., phone 4834.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Sec. Bus. Agt., Al J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4833; Pres., Virgil K. Knight, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 4833.

BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Clark Banner, 1203 1st Ave., phone 2792; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtwright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, CYpress 5-3843; Hollister-Gilroy Officers: Richard Santa, 122 Vine St., Hollister, phone 332; Rec. Sec., Harold Johnson, Rte. 2, Box 139, Hollister, phone 4375.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Secretary and Legislative Representative, 402 Flood Bldg., 870 Market St., San Francisco 2, phone SUtter 1-2838. District Vice-Pres., Thomas A. Small, Office at 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo; phone Diamond 3-6884.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall, 117 Pajaro St., Monterey. Pres., Tom Mill, Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin, 556 San Benito, phone Salinas 6716; Rec. Sec., A. E. Miller, 1077 Main St., Monterey, phone 6292; and office, 1422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall. Pres., Floyd Hill; Sec., A. W. Reiger, 411 South San Lorenzo Ave., phone 6947; office phone 197.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Herbert Nelson, 32 Paloma St., phone 5187; Sec. Mrs. Frank Wenzinger, 146 Alton Rd., phone 21156; Bus. Agt., Mrs. Lewis Ball, 140 Linden St., phone 4813; Office at Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main, phone 9293.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County)—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., Wm. G. Kenyon, 274 E. Alisal, phone 7787.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Monday at 2:30 p.m. and 4th Monday at 8:00 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Al Meeks, Sec., Bertie Boles, Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6292.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursday at 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, at 8 p.m. Pres., Louis Vistella, 564 Terrace St., Sec.-Treas., Josephine Jones, 674 E. Market, phone 2-0871; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA. 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesdays, Executive Board, 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro St., Monterey, phone 4834; Baldwin Trailer Corp., phone 2-2773. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Karl E. Ozols, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 4834.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesdays, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville Labor Temples, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby, 6045; Bus. Agt., R. A. Fitch, 6045. Bldg., San Jose, phone Columbia 8885-M. Main office, 3074 - 16th St., San Francisco, phone Underhill 1-1135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS UNION OF MOSS LANDING—Meets at Castroville Community Hall on the "light of the moon" each month. Sec., Bill Gray, 257 Fifth, Richmond, B.S. Act., Leo J. Derby, 6045; Moss Landing, phone 8572.

FRESH FRUIT, VEGETABLE WORKERS UNION 912—Meets 1st Monday, 8 p.m. at Women's Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Holman Day, Sec., Ethel Alamo, Office, 28 E. Market St., phone 9113.

JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD, Bartenders 545 and Culinary Alliance 467—Meets 2nd Wednesdays 2 p.m. at Labor Temple. Pres., Bencher 4 Boles, phone 6292; Sec., A. J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4833.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St., Pres., R. Fenchel, 148 Hickock Rd., phone 5102; Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Torso, phone 6777; Bus. Agt., J. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy L. Benge, Hilltop St., Monterey, phone Monterey 4820; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seffert, 1508 First St., Salinas, phone Salinas 1-1135.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 238—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Hazel Skowes, 1314 2nd Ave., Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRossie, 59-1st Ave., 117 Pajaro St., Monterey, phone 4834; Sec., W. J. Foster, 20 Via Encina, Monterey, phone 2-1310; Bus. Agt., W. J. Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone 7007; office phone 6744.

MECHANICS AND MECHANISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday, Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Norman Kephart, 133 Avisa Court, Fin. Sec., W. J. Parker, 269 Wren St., phone Salinas 9494. Organizer, A. E. Woodward, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4833.

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TYPOGRAPHICAL 543—Meets last Sunday of month alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., D. R. Harrison, Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 9591.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSE MEN & HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Tuesday at Salinas High Auditorium, 8 p.m. Pres., Albert A. Harris, 247 Paloma; Sec., Peter A. Andrade, Bus. Agt., S. M. Thomas, 182; Office, 274 E. Alisal St., Salinas, phone 5743.



NEWS ITEM 10 YEARS AFTER F.D.R.'S WARNING, JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS ONE THIRD OF U.S. STILL LIVES IN POVERTY...

BOSS MUST NOT USE T-H AS WHIP

Killing unions by getting them into expensive court cases—the newest, most effective form of today's Taft-Hartley union-busting—received a major setback in the West when the U. S. Ninth Circuit Court upheld a State Building Trades Council stand that private individuals may not go to the courts for injunctions.

The decision added another to a string of decisive moves across the U. S. in recent weeks pointing to the hopelessness of applying the ill-begotten Taft-Hartley law to the building trades industry.

The California Building Trades Council went to the defense of Reno Building Trades Council and its affiliated councils in a court battle brought on by anti-labor employer associations and promoters and came out the winner.

U. S. District Court Judge Foley upheld Nevada District Court in throwing out the employers' plea for an anti-closed shop and wage-freezing injunction against Reno AFL building tradesmen.

The California Council sent its general counsel, P. H. McCarthy, Jr., into the fight to assist the Reno labor attorney on this case, in line with its declared policy of helping any and all unions in trouble with anti-union employers or the Taft-Hartley law.

The courts held that a private litigant is not entitled to an injunction under the Taft-Hartley law and, secondly, that the court has no jurisdiction by reason of the Norris-La Guardia Act, because a labor dispute existed.

The employer group would have had the wages and working conditions frozen during long court battles, if they had their way, but it didn't get that far because the courts ruled they had no jurisdiction to issue an injunction at the request of a private individual against a labor union and had no jurisdiction, under Norris-La Guardia, to issue injunctions even though T-H was involved.

(NLRB Boss Robert N. Denham can ask injunctions and can sue, but private employers may not.)

CLEAR PRECEDENT Previous cases had set a precedent in this direction on a statewide basis, one of them involving the engineers in Fresno at which Counsel McCarthy was active, but no direct precedent had been set in a Federal court, which gives this newest decision added importance.

During the court impasse, Reno unions signed up individual employers and were not too badly hurt by the court action in spite of the sinister forces and design in back of it.

However, the cunning forces at work to hog-tie AFL tradesmen have only fired their opening gun, this case, and others are expected to follow, in the opinion of Counsel McCarthy. A man named Caldwell, notoriously anti-labor, has sold Reno employers a bill of goods to fight labor, and where labor is strong enough it blinds its victims, who can then be sold any program.

Caldwell heads up an outfit known as the California Association of Employers, and he moved into Reno to help the Reno Employers Council take on labor.

CLEVER SCHEMING Why was Reno chosen? Because practically all of its contractors, material dealers, and tradesmen cross and re-cross the state line to Lake Tahoe. This would make an idea case to show that this work is inter-state and therefore under T-H, NLRB, and all Federal rules applying to inter-state activities.

The case was begun in the Spring of last year, and it has dragged out, as do all court cases, with considerable expense to the unions involved.

The employers brought suit against the Reno council and its unions, asking an injunction restraining them against striking on the grounds the building trades insisted on closed shop, and asking that the court hold the building trades as subject to provisions of the T-H Act.

T-H AND LA GUARDIA The court issued a temporary restraining order. When that was heard the order was dismissed and subsequently the court dismissed the entire complaint. It was appealed to the Federal court, which in turn sustained the Nevada court by throwing out the complaint.

WFRD Covers Parley New York.—WFRD, radio station of the International Ladies Garment Workers of the AFL, offered a daily program reporting on developments at the London organizational meeting of the new free trade union world federation.

Calif. Bosses Pass Hat to Help R. A. Taft

(State Fed. Release)

The San Diego Employers Assn. last week appealed to all member companies to join a national campaign to return multi-millionaire U. S. Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.) to Congress in next year's elections, according to the San Diego Leader, official publication of the San Diego County Federated Trades and Labor Council.

Labor and liberal forces in Ohio have announced their intention of defeating the notorious reactionary Republican, whose anti-labor spleen has poured into the black legislation which bears the Taft-Hartley name.

SUCH A MUSH! In a suggested form letter enclosed in the employer appeal, the Association recommended that the following message be directed to Taft:

"Dear Senator: 'Like millions of other Americans outside your constituency, I have admired and appreciated the courageous statesmanship which has marked your course in the U. S. Senate. For the good of the whole United States I want to see you re-elected to the Senate. I enclose a small contribution to your campaign to that good end.'

The blurb which appealed for funds declared in part: "Mr. Taft was fighting YOUR battle when he staked his name and political future on the Taft-Hartley law and he put his political head on the block again when, with consummate skill, he defeated the Administration's attempt to re-enact the old Wagner Act in this session of Congress. For this he has been marked as 'delete' by the labor moguls. So send him a dollar and an encouraging note or use the coupon below and mail it with your dollar."

"RAT" IS MADE SYMBOL Taft did all within the reactionary power of the 80th Congress to cripple the financial participation of labor in national elections. And yet the very forces he serves so well are seeking to collect a gigantic campaign fund to perpetuate the Tory career of this Ohio Republican.

Senator Taft is seeking to impose the amoral labor philosophy of the 19th century on the working people of this nation.

19TH CENTURY AUTOCRAT He is the proper symbol of a dying order, but behind him yet stand the bottomless financial resources of his kind. Behind him stand the lords of press and industry. And behind him also stands the rather minor but hopeful Employers Assn. of San Diego.

Opposing him, however, stand the working men and women of Ohio, pledged to remove from office the man who embodies Taft-Hartleyism and all it means to the American people.

And behind them and their friends is the united strength of organized labor throughout the nation, with its own bottomless resources: the principle, integrity, loyalty and courage which built the mighty House of Labor, and which will keep it strong and free.

Payroll Deductions For Social Security To Increase Jan. 1

Your social security deduction will be increased a little January 1. The increase means better pensions though.

After the first of the year you will pay 1½ per cent of your income (up to \$3,000 a year) for social security instead of 1 per cent, which you have been paying since social security legislation became effective 15 years ago. Your employer will pay a 1½ per cent tax on your wages beginning January 1. He has been contributing only 1 per cent.

Ninety dollars is the most you will have to pay for social security each year under the new schedule. The present maximum is \$60.

Under the original social security law, the 1½ per cent deduction would have gone into effect in 1940 and by now the rate would have been 3 per cent. But employers succeeded in preventing the increases. It finally was voted by Congress in 1948.

The higher payroll deduction helps pave the way for increased benefits. The Senate will consider the social security expansion bill next year. The legislation passed the House last October.

Catalina Deer Hunt

During the first two weeks of a special three-month hunting season on Catalina Island, 232 California hunters have taken a total of 190 deer of both sexes, reports the Division of Fish and Game.

The open season resumes at midnight, April 30, 1950. Commission regulations, the announcement stated, are based on extensive past and present biological and statistical investigations.

Annual studies of the catch are made to determine the condition of halibut stocks and to show what catch can safely be taken from various Pacific Ocean halibut banks.

Do It Now!

Your union should be represented in the California L.L.P.E. convention to be held next April.

Get in the march for political action! Join Labor's League for Political Education. Do it now!